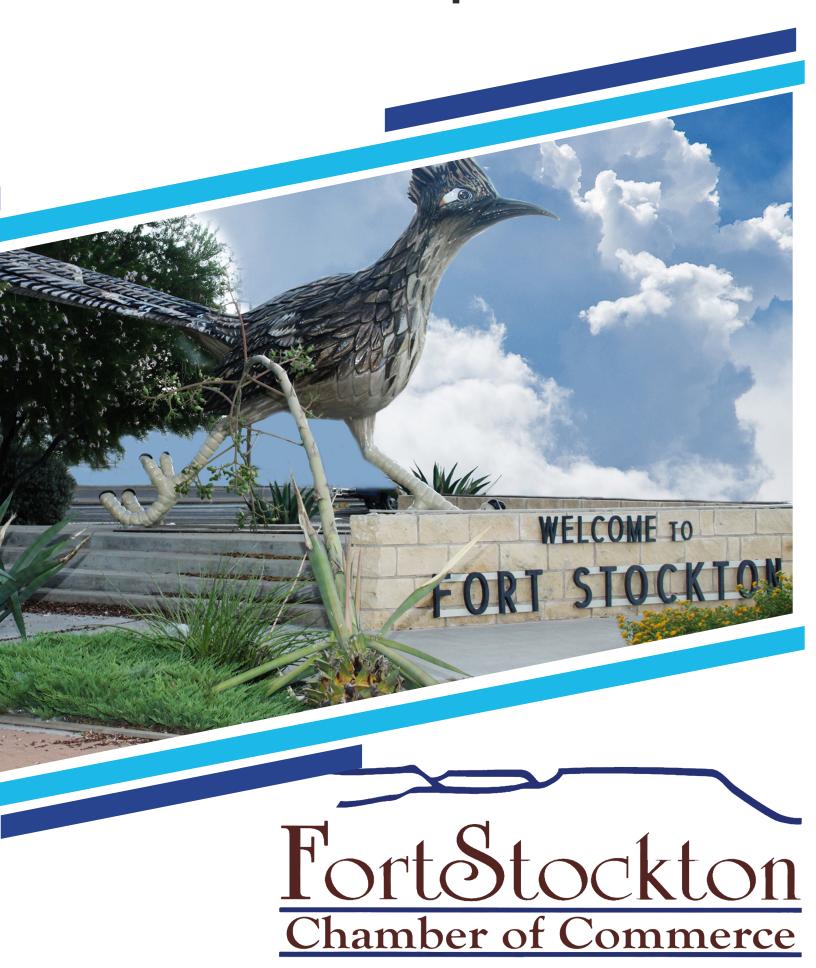
## **Membership Guide**



## **Member Benefits**

Take advantage of all the benefits and services that come with your Chamber Membership, including networking with fellow members and increasing your visibility in the community through participation in Chamber events and groups.

**Membership Plaque** for visibility and credibility. Being a member of the Fort Stockton Chamber highlights the importance you place on your business image.

It also highlights to the community that you are actively involved in making Fort Stockton a better place to live, work, and conduct business. Your customers will instantly recognize that you support your community.

Chamber Website has a complete membership directory, including links to your website, or social media profiles. We are constantly striving to maintain a relevant hub of information. Some of the information available includes ribbon cuttings, Ambassador events, and board information, as well as the community calendar.

**Chamber Connection**: A weekly e-newsletter highlighting community and member events. Members may feature upcoming events, sales, or news once a month for free.

**Advertisement opportunities** in publications such as the Fort Stockton Visitor's Guide, Chamber Connection, and our annual Banquet Tabloid.

**Events**: Chamber events are innovative and fun ways to help members meet potential customers, clients and vendors while strengthening Fort Stockton through community involvement. The Chamber is involved in many events throughout the year, and we encourage you to participate by either being a vendor, volunteering, or sponsoring events: Glitz, Paisano Powder Run, Joy Run, Comanche Springs Rodeo and many others.

Free use of **conference room** (some limitations apply)



**Ribbon Cuttings**: Celebrate your new opening, expansion, relocation, or other business milestones with official Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting ceremonies. (limited to one per year per business)

**Business After Hours**: These social events are a great way to keep people informed and up-to-date on the local business community of Fort Stockton. If you are starting a new business, expanding, or just want to remind people of the great products or services you provide, host a Business After Hours Event!

As a Host, you set the date and location (usually at your place of business, but it can be held elsewhere if you wish), then decide how simple or elaborate you want it to be.

The Host is responsible for any refreshments or entertainment, and for the cost of mailing invitations, and the Chamber will mail invitations to all members (200+) and promote the event in our newsletter, email updates, and on our website.

The event is also boosted through our Chamber Ambassadors program, Leadership program, and Board of Directors. The Chamber will handle all RSVPs for the event and helps ensure a great turnout.

Business After Hours serve as effective social activities to boost awareness of your products and services. Contact the Chamber to schedule your event or get more information.

#### **Discounted Business Services for Members**

#### Fax:

50¢ per page (non-members \$1 per page)

## Copies:

- Black & White 10¢ per page (non-members 25¢ per page)
- Color 50¢ per page (non members \$1 per page)

## Notary:

• Free (Non-members \$5 per item)



#### **Business-to-Business referrals**

**Workshops & Training:** A variety of topics, offered both locally and online. We also partner with the Sul Ross SBDC in bringing SBA training and workshops to our members.



We "grow our own" with our Leadership programs that provide an intense deep-dive into the history and infrastructure of Fort Stockton and the local area.

The **Leadership Fort Stockton** program provides both professional and personal growth opportunities through education and experience for adults (over age 18) in the community. We encourage businesses to enroll managers and team leaders in the program – participants gain useful leadership skills and develop community connections that benefit not only themselves but their employers.

The **Youth Leadership** program provides community learning and volunteer experience to high school seniors, with scholarship opportunities upon successful completion of the class.



Ambassadors are the volunteer division of the Chamber made up of representatives of Chamber members that work to promote awareness of important events and significant occasions in the life of our community.

They join organizations and businesses in celebration of milestones, and are the powerhouse workforce behind making Chamber events possible.

They are also the spokespeople for the Chamber and business community in Fort Stockton.

Chamber Ambassadors meet on the second Tuesday monthly at 12 noon at the Chamber of Commerce

# Membership in the Fort Stockton Chamber of Commerce is an investment in your business and your community.

Chamber membership provides services designed to foster growth for both individual businesses and the Fort Stockton business community.

## **Economic Development**

Relocation information: community profile, newcomer packet, school list, other area education and resources, and community resources.

Meeting Assistant: Registration assistance, packets, and catering.

Newcomer Packet Insert Service: Chamber members may insert promotional materials into the Newcomer Packet, which are mailed to prospective businesses and individuals who are interested in Fort Stockton and Pecos County. Average requests, 50 monthly. Members must provide the Chamber with promotional pieces for insertion.

## **Our Promise to You**

Through the Chamber Board, Ambassadors, and committees, the Chamber leadership will work to:

Help build a strong and healthy economy.

Set goals and missions that will always be open to change and betterment of our community.

Be active in Economic Development and Tourism.

Be open to our business community needs.

Allow any member to impact the community by serving on a Chamber committee.

## **Your Promise to the Chamber**

Become an active member of the leadership.

Support Chamber programs and projects.

Volunteer your time.

Be a positive voice in your community.

Be ready to serve.

It is important to realize that the Chamber is much more than a building or staff. It is a vehicle to organize business leaders to improve and better the community and only works with the active participation of its membership as a whole.

If you have any questions regarding membership, including benefits, dues or the application process, please contact the Chamber at (432) 336-2264 or email membership@fortstockton.org

## **About us**

The Fort Stockton Chamber of Commerce supports and strives to enhance the economic prosperity of local business, with the aim of improving the quality of life for Fort Stockton residents, businesses and organizations. Our goal is to further the interests of businesses. The Chamber of Commerce is an organization of members who are investing their time and money in community development programs – working together to improve the economic, civic, and cultural wellbeing of the area.

We promote collaboration and assist local businesses by providing training on many business aspects, providing business services, and helping businesses connect with other businesses inside and outside the area. We strive to provide services that are beneficial to the community organization and to its members as a whole.

